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[GOVERNOR JOHNSON

GOV. JOHNSON SAYS:

I am not engaged in this campaign for any man or for any candidate or for the fruition of any man's ambition, I don't care who he is. I am here in a great cause.

Two years ago we enlisted in that cause, here in California, and victory descended on us with the solemnity of a consecration. That cause means more to me than any regard I ever had for La Follette or any regard I now have for Theodore Roosevelt. And that cause has only one hope.

The people are for Roosevelt. The politicians are for Taft.

I believe the time has gone by when any man can be nominated for the presidency against the wishes of the people.

COLORED MARYLANDERS OPPOSE RENOMINATION OF TAFT.

The following circular has been

issued by the manly Colored Republicans of Baltimore, Md.:

The Equitable Republican league standing as it does, for the true Republican constitution and against race prejudice and in defence of equal rights for all men, enters its protest against the renomination of President Taft. It hereby serves notice on all federal job holders and others who profess to deliver the votes of self-respecting Republican voters of the state of Maryland to the renomination of President Taft, that they have no authority to speak for the intelligent colored voters of Maryland of whom there are thousands.

This league opposes the renomination of President Taft and will work for an unpledged delegation from Maryland to the Republican convention to be held in Chicago in June for the following reasons;

1. We think that the 'pledged convention vote' is such a travesty on free and Republican government as to bring serious discredit upon a president of the United States who would countenance such barbarous methods in an effort to succeed himself. His administration should need no "steam roller" methods to induce the approval of the American people.

2. President Taft's administration of the high office of the chief executive has so thoroughly lacked the initiative, resourcefulness and positive backbone which should characterize the administration of so high an office as president of the United States that it would not only reflect upon the ability of the Republican party, but would unnecessarily try the patience of the American public to again place

him in the race for this high position.

3. At the very beginning of President Taft's administration, he vilely insulted every self-respecting colored American by stating in his inaugural address that he would respect bitter and unChristian race prejudice to the extent of refusing to appoint qualified colored men to office in communities where such appointments would give offence, thereby feeding race prejudice with that upon which it thrives, encouragement, and that too from the chief magistrate of this great nation.

4. President Taft has accentuated this insult to the self-respecting colored Americans by surrounding himself at Washington with a picked bunch of black flatterers whose interest in the welfare of the colored Americans whom they are supposed to represent is measured by the amount of their pay checks and the "honor?" of their respective positions. Through these moral pigmies he not only finds a ready means of quieting the just complaints of the colored Americans, but seeks to facilitate his retention in his high office.

WE WANT NO MORE OF TAFT.

Published by the authority of the Equitable Republican league. Dr. Howard Young, president. Joseph Porter, secretary. Joseph Gwynn, treasurer.

UNFAIR METHODS OF THE SOUTH

Speaking of the inequality of the ballot in the Southern states, as compared to it in the north, in his

great speech here last Saturday night, Governor Johnson said;

"In the south do you realize that one Republican vote in South Carolina or Mississippi equals fifty of your votes in the state of California? It is unjust and unfair, of course, but it is the only way that we can be beaten. But the time has gone by, my friends, when any man can be successful politically in this great country of ours in defiance of the will of the people. (Applause.)

The above conditions were brought about solely to injure the Negro. Now the white man is beginning to suffer. You can't permanently hurt the Negro without ultimately injuring white men. Look at our mobs, for instance.

Continuing he said:

"Today there is a quickening all along the line. Slow to move, are these people of ours; difficult indeed, to have them keep step to the onward drumbeat of democracy; but once they move, woe betide the candidate or the man who endeavors to stem that onward march of democracy in the United States of America. (Applause.)

Dishonesty not Essential to Success

"We do not subscribe to the cynical belief that dishonesty and unfair dealings are essential to business success and are to be condoned when the success is moderate and applauded when the success is great. The methods by which the Standard Oil people and those engaged in the other combinations of which I have spoken above have achieved great fortunes can only be justified by the advocacy of a system of morality which would also just avoid every form of criminality on the part of a labor union and every form of violent corruption and fraud, from murder to bribery and ballot box stuffing in politics. We are trying to secure equality of opportunity for all; and the struggle for honesty is the same, whether it is made on behalf of one set of men or another. (Applause.)

NEGROES WANT A DELEGATE TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Los Angeles, Cal.
Feb. 26, 1912.

Editor *The Liberator*

Dear Sir:—

In view of the services rendered the Progressives by the colored voters, in freeing this state, city and county from machine rule; I think it but fair to give them a delegate to the National Republican Convention. Such a move would appeal to the colored voters throughout the country and bring them into the ranks of the men who stand for the rule of the people. Nothing could furnish a better object lesson, proving that the Progressives, are so, in fact as well as in name. If the Progressives control the next National Republican Convention, Governor Hiram W. Johnson will be nominated for vice-president and the election of a colored delegate by the Progressives of this state will be an inspiration to the wavering colored voters throughout the country.

A colored man should be elected to the convention and as the support given the Progressives by the colored men came almost wholly from Southern California the delegate should be chosen from this section. If we are to have a representative as we should, I know of no one more worthy of such an honor than yourself. That you are the oldest Progressive in this section goes without saying. Opening the fight with your paper in 1896 against machine rule, you kept at it till the machine went down.

As to race loyalty you have no superior. No member of the race has given longer and more unselfish service to it than you have. I think every intelligent thoughtful member of our race in this city will endorse the statement herein expressed.

Yours for Progress,
G. Walter Snell
830 Hawthorne St.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Rev. Kenchin spent Wednesday at Monrovia.

Rev. Jas. A. Stout, P. E. of the California District of the C. M. E. Church, sent in his subscription to *The Liberator*. Rev. Stout has been elected principal of the Texarkana Industrial school, recently founded.

He says he wants *The Liberator* to continue its weekly visits when he reaches his new field of labor.

The Venice Baptist Church raised \$140 at the rally on the tenth. Rev. Lively, the new pastor is doing nicely.

Before buying furniture visit the houses whose ads appear in this journal. They want your trade and will supply your every need at prices and terms to suit. Mention *The Liberator*.

\$300 was raised at the Wesley Chapel rally last Sunday. The total will reach \$500, as the storm kept many contributors away who are being heard from. With its present able pastor, Wesley is doing a great work and needs the assistance of all friends of the great cause in which it is engaged.

The Rousseau musical family filled engagements at leading Pasadena hotels this week.

The funeral services of Editor Neimore were attended by a large crowd. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. A. J. Roberts and Sons, undertakers, had charge.

THE A. M. E. ZION NOTES

Regular morning and evening services as usual. One of the 12 year old boys of the church is planning to give an Easter entertainment for his Sunday school class. Look for program next week.

Rev. W. J. J. Byers will preach at Phillips Chapel, Santa Monica next Sunday afternoon, March 17th. Santa Monica friends will give him a good audience.

Where did that style of beating time at a funeral come from? I guess it came from Washington.

Sunday morning at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dr. Hill will discuss "The Trinity". Those who are confused on this important subject will do well to hear this sermon. Dr. Hill's sermons are always able and the services at his church entertaining.

Christophe will be staged at Lenox Casino, New York City. Prof. Easton, the author, deserves congratulations.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR BENEFIT OF BAND

The Citizen's Band will give an entertainment soon to raise money for new uniforms. At the meeting, last Sunday, the following officers were elected:—L. G. Eggleston, director; J. W. Anderson, assistant director; S. C. Miller, president; Wm. H. Shackelford, secretary; W. F. Woodyard, treasurer; Sid Carter, vice-president; W. L. Fields, manager; W. H. Nettles, assistant manager; A. Woodyard, corresponding secretary.

Other members are J. Hawkins, H. Southard and W. Daniels.

The Young Men's Progressive Afro-American League was organized on the 11th in the office of Mr. L. A. Watson at 1705 East 9th street; its aim is to promote the colored peoples interest along economic and political lines. Among its active members are Attorney Darden and Dr. Cummings; its next meeting will be held Monday evening the 18th. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served free.

S. S. Irving, president

L. A. Watson, secretary.

THANKS

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the receipt of a neat volumn entitled "Favorite Quotations," from our beloved former pastor, Rev. G. R. Bryant, pastor of Jackson street, M. E. Church, Louisville, Ky. These quotations were compiled by Rev. Bryant and are selections from the masterpieces of the world's great writers and speakers. It is a volumn of inestimable value to students and public speakers.

Many thanks Reverend for this precious volumn and the beautiful calendar sent some months ago.

Rev. J. H. Taylor who has been suffering with ill health since his return from New Mexico a month ago, will soon be able to again take charge of the Christian Mission at La Grange and Santa Fe Ave.

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EDITOR J. J. NEIMORE GOES TO HIS REWARD

Mr. J. J. Neimore, editor of the "Eagle" who died in this city Saturday, was one of the pioneer newspaper men in Southern California. Although his education was limited, he possessed a will power and physical energy, that seemed inexhaustible. He was a tireless worker in the cause of the race and had unbounded confidence in its ultimate success.

He was a great dreamer and originated many brilliant schemes for the creation of enterprises that would furnish employment for members of the race, which fell through for want of proper support.

He was hopeful, ambitious, courageous, public-spirited and restless.

Mr. Neimore was well liked, had many friends, but unfortunately many of his friends who wept around his bier, withheld from him their support in the hours of his fiercest struggles.

Without the aid of Mrs. Neimore who went into his newspaper work with self-sacrificing devotion as only a wife can do, he could not have stood beneath the load, as he did twenty years.

If people would scatter more flowers in the paths of the living and less on the graves of the dead, how many dead would still live!

*"Eleven Grecian cities,
Claimed Homer dead;
Through which the living Homer,
Begged his daily bread."*

THE WILLIAMS' JUBILEE

The William's Jubilee Singers who will sing at the Shrine Auditorium on the 26th will have a crowded house. As they will sing one night only, tickets are selling rapidly. It is an opportunity that no one who has heard them, wants to miss. It was to assist the Y. M. C. A. that they consented to visit this city.

The cause is a good one. Let everybody turn out.

WILL SPEAK AT THE LYCEUM

Mrs. Chas F. Edson will address the Lyceum next Sunday, 4 p. m., March 17th. Ladies are especially invited as her address will deal with the home and health of children—two matters of vital interest to all mothers and homemakers.

Mrs. Edson, who is the ablest and most popular woman orator in the state, is well known to the Lyceum's audiences and a large turn out is expected.

Mrs. Edson contributed more toward securing the ballot for the women of this state than perhaps any other female orator, taking part in that great achievement. With a group of able assistants she left the cities and towns and went into the "hedges and highways" and talked with the farmers at their plows, to the miners in their camps and to oil-well drillers in the midst of their derricks. It was the votes of those noble, sturdy yeomen that set the women of California free.

Let all of the women come out and bring their boys and girls.

Good music and singing. Everybody invited, 1209 1-2 Central Avenue.

MR. L. A. HANDLEY

Mr. L. A. Handley, city clerk, will deliver an address for the Ladies' Day Nursery at the Lyceum, April 7th. Mr. Handley is a brilliant speaker and friend of humanity. A day nursery is the one crying need of our children. Let everybody remember the date and be on hand, ready to assist this noble cause.

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MR. P. J. WILLIAMS DEAD

Mr. P. J. Williams of Red Bluff brother of Mr. J. C. Williams of this city, died on the 8th. He was a wealthy, popular farmer owning 280 acres of valuable land. He was public-spirited and universally respected: the entire population turning out at his funeral and the public schools were closed. Mr. Williams having been in ill health for some years, his ranch has been successfully conducted by his daughter Miss Ora, a beautiful high school graduate. Miss Ora now has full charge of the homestead and will keep things moving forward. She is a woman of whom we are proud.

The Faben Phi Fraternity held a most enjoyable meeting on Wednesday, last, in the home of Scribe Benj. Jones, 512 South Avenue 20. Quite a lot of business was transacted. In regard to their coming Easter Ball which is to be given on Easter Monday night, April 8th, 1912 at Blanchard Hall, the fraternity is planning to make this affair the most elaborate one of the season.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Phillips Episcopal Church held a most interesting meeting Tuesday, last, in the vestry of the church at which quite a number of men were present.

Mr. Laurence Cloyd was initiated into full membership. Mr. Cloyd is one of our promising young men.

All men are invited to attend the Brotherhood meetings which are held the Second and fourth nights each month.



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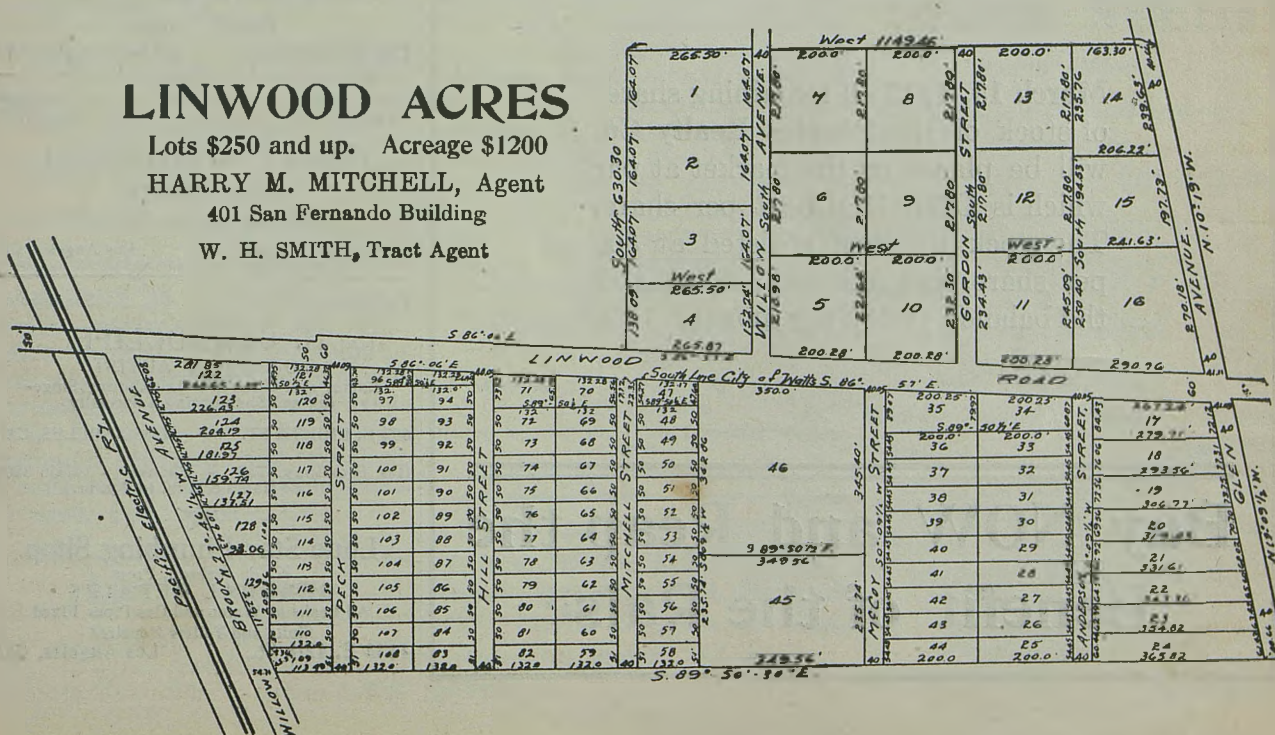
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